

SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2006

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, this resolution is an important first step to cut off direct aid to the Palestinian Authority now that Hamas will be in power. However, it is only one component of the dramatic overhaul that needs to take place as we redefine our relationship with the new Palestinian government.

Responsible for attacks that have murdered hundreds and injured thousands, Hamas is first and foremost a terrorist organization. Its fund raising and training operations run through the same shadowy networks as Al-Qaeda and Hezbollah. Its philosophy and practice are grounded in the spread of extremist hatred, anti-Semitism and violence.

The United States must set a strong example and be firm in urging the international community to join us in cutting off all funding and diplomatic contacts with the Palestinian Authority once Hamas takes control.

The Palestinian election may have been conducted in a free and fair manner, but it does not make the Hamas victory any more legitimate. Until it disarms, renounces violence, and recognizes Israel's right to exist, the group should continue to be dealt with as a rogue entity.

There is no room for ambiguity. Governments that wage the global war on terrorism should not be propping up a terrorist regime. International organizations that believe in the peace process should not be financing a Palestinian leadership bent on Israel's destruction. Nations that disavow anti-Semitism should not be providing assistance that would give an even greater pulp for Hamas to spew its hatred.

It is alarming that despite these realities President Putin and others have made overtures to Hamas leaders. There should be no distinction between terrorists in Chechnya who target Russian school children and those from the West Bank and Gaza who blow up Israeli pizza stores and public buses. Equivocation only emboldens their use of such heinous tactics.

If there is hope of pressuring Hamas to change, the world must unite behind a clear message: We will not support a terrorist-state, but stand ready to assist when and if a Palestinian government emerges that is ready, willing and able to embrace a peaceful future.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
REGARDING THE LABELING OF
INDOOR TANNING DEVICES**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, the American people are not aware that indoor tanning is dangerous. While many people understand that tanning outside is harmful, they mistakenly believe that tanning in a salon is a safe alternative to sunbathing. It's time we examined the labeling requirements for tanning de-

vices. Today I, along with my colleague from Florida, Representative GINNY BROWN-WAITE, introduce the Tanning Accountability and Notification Act, which would require the FDA to determine whether the current labeling of indoor tanning devices communicates sufficient information about the risks indoor tanning devices pose for the development of irreversible skin damage, including skin cancer.

According to a 2005 survey conducted by the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), in their quest for a sunless tan, almost 30 million Americans visit indoor tanning salons each year. Of these 70% are women between the ages of 16 and 49. The dermatologists have concluded that indoor tanning is not safe. One of the reported side effects of indoor tanning is an elevated risk of skin cancer. According to the AAD, regular tanning bed use was associated with a 55% increase in the risk of developing melanoma, especially in women between the ages of 20 and 29. FDA and numerous leading United States' and international health care organizations have expressed concerns that the consuming public is not aware that indoor tanning devices emit ultraviolet radiation that is similar to and sometimes more powerful than UV radiation emitted by the sun. This legislation will ensure Americans make informed choices about preserving the health of their skin.

TAIWAN: LUNAR NEW YEAR

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, last Spring the People's Republic of China passed an anti-secession law targeting the Republic of China on Taiwan. This law gives Communist leaders the right to use force against Taiwan if they suspect separatist activities. In addition to the enactment of the anti-secession law, Communist China's rapid military build-up has brought substantial concern to the Taiwanese people. With 700 Communist missiles posted along the coast of Taiwan, mainland China makes a bold statement that military action is a viable possibility. In response to China's unilateral change of the status quo in the Taiwan Strait, it is my understanding that President Chen has expressed concern about Taiwan's future in his Lunar New Year's Day remarks.

If China really wants to unify Taiwan, it is my hope that they will listen to the advice of President Chen who requests mainland China to relinquish the use of force, listen to the people of Taiwan, and stop obstructing Taiwan from participating in international organizations like the United Nations and the World Health Organization. It is also my understanding that President Chen has, on many occasions, stated that the development of cross-strait relations must conform to the principles of sovereignty, democracy, peace and prosperity. China has no right by the principle of self-determination to change the status quo either through the anti-secession law or military intimidation. Like President Chen, I believe Taiwan's future must be made by the free will of the 23 million residents of Taiwan.

Taiwan is a free and democratic nation and deserves to be treated properly and with respect from the international community. Exclu-

sion from the United Nations has deprived Taiwan its international identity. The Republic of China on Taiwan is content on returning to the international community and it is speculated that President Chen might even reapply to the United Nations under the new name of "Taiwan."

It is my understanding that in the last six years, President Chen has not broken any of his pledges and has, in turn, offered many goodwill gestures to the People's Republic of China. I believe President Chen's remarks deserve our undivided attention and consideration.

Maintaining the status quo is currently the peaceful alternative and it is my understanding that President Chen once again reaffirmed his 2000 inaugural pledge to maintain status quo with mainland China, not declare independence, not change the name of the government, or add any other language to the Republic of China's Constitution that promotes an independence referendum.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to support peace in the region and hope that the People's Republic of China will reciprocate President Chen's goodwill by renouncing the use of force against Taiwan. However, should the need arise, we must not forget our responsibilities under the Taiwan Relations Act to make sure the Republic of China on Taiwan has the military capability to defend itself and assert its free voice to the international community.

HONORING GABRIEL AND SARA
MATOS**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Gabriel and Sara Matos, for their dedication to citizen activism and crime prevention. Mr. and Mrs. Matos have been dedicated to preventing crime and protecting their community for many years, and have worked to encourage and spread citizen activism through their efforts.

On September 30, 2005, Mr. and Mrs. Matos were recognized for their dedication as recipients of the Citizens Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County's top award, the "Miami-Dade County Citizens' Crime Watch Chairperson of the Year." Their hard work through this organization has protected the community by allowing them to work closely with law enforcement and politicians on zoning and crime issues.

The couple have been leaders of the Concerned Citizens of West Dade, Inc. since they created it nearly fifteen years ago. They were instrumental in the adoption of an anti-graffiti ordinance, and as chairpersons of their neighborhood crime watch, have helped to keep their neighborhood safe, as well as motivating other neighborhoods in their community to set up Crime Watch groups.

I congratulate Gabriel and Sara Matos, and on behalf of the residents of Miami-Dade County, I thank them for their dedication to their community.

RECOGNITION OF LANCE CORPORAL JONATHAN KYLE PRICE

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Lance Corporal Jonathan Kyle Price who was recently killed in action fighting for freedom in Ramadi, Iraq.

Lance Cpl Price was a 19 year-old from Woodlawn, Illinois and was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He graduated from Woodlawn High School in Woodlawn, Ill.

Price paid the ultimate sacrifice for his country. He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Cheryl Price Hunsell and John Hunsell of Woodlawn; his father, David Price of Indianapolis, Ind.; a brother, John R. Hunsell of Woodlawn; two sisters, Krystal Martin and husband Eric of St. Louis and Rachel Hunsell of Woodlawn; his fiancée, Brea Tate of Mt. Vernon and many other family, friends and loved ones. I am proud of the service this young man gave to his country and the service his fellow troops perform everyday. Not enough can be said about Lance Cpl Price. It is soldiers like him that are risking their lives day in and day out to ensure our freedom here at home and to others throughout the rest of the world. I salute him and my best wishes go out to his family and all the troops fighting to ensure freedom and democracy. God bless them and may God continue to bless America.

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR RICK ALLEN

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American, a dedicated Oregonian, an avid Oregon Duck fan, and a good friend of mine, Mayor Rick Allen. Throughout his career, Mayor Allen has played a significant role in shaping the City of Madras, while paving the way for future development and growth. Today, we thank him for his years of public service and recognize the numerous contributions he's made during his tenure in office.

Mr. Speaker, following graduation from Madras High School in 1975, Rick took over as the manager of the local bowling alley. It was there that he began learning the ways of the business world. His hard work at the bowling alley gave him the experience and knowledge that led him to his next business endeavor as the manager of the Tiger Mart. It didn't take long until Rick had purchased Tiger Mart and turned it into a thriving gas station and mini mart. Soon, he'd be on to even bigger and better endeavors.

First elected in 1982, at the young age of 25, Rick embarked into the world of politics as a member of the Madras City Council. His business savvy brought efficiency and effectiveness to his elected post and to the operation of local government. Rick served 6 years as a member of the city council, and served

as the mayor for the last 2 years. Following his service on the city council, Mayor Allen went on to serve 8 years as a Jefferson County Commissioner, continuing his role of public stewardship.

Mr. Speaker, following a brief departure from elected office, Rick's dedication and devotion to his community called him back for a second tour of duty. In 2000, the City of Madras faced great uncertainty with alleged scandals and wrongdoings within the city government. During these tumultuous times, Rick recognized the need for stability and consistent leadership, which encouraged and inspired him to mount a write-in candidacy to once again return to serve as the Mayor of Madras. He was overwhelmingly elected in 2001, securing 80 percent of the vote and upon election immediately went to work to rebuild and restore trust within the community.

Mr. Speaker, those who know Rick best will tell you that he's not one to back down from a challenge and he's not afraid to make an unpopular decision if he believes it is best for the community. During his tenure, Rick tackled challenges and controversy head on. He was a visionary for growth, led the charge for expansion, and has been a champion for economic development in the region. Under his leadership, the city acquired industrial land near the airport while making significant improvements and enhancements to the airport property. Rick has been a strong advocate for recreation and rafters who float along the lower Deschutes River. He was a key player in East Madras Development Project, which will establish 1,700 new homes, an 18-hole golf course, over 60 acres of open space, and 20 acres set aside for the local schools.

Mr. Speaker, these illustrate just a few of Mayor Allen's accomplishments during a long and distinguished career. I ask that my fellow colleagues join me in congratulating this extraordinary man and great American. For years to come the region will flourish and residents will benefit from the foundation and vision that Mayor Allen has pursued. I wish Rick the best in future endeavors, and personally, I would like to thank him for all he's done for the people of Jefferson County, the Second Congressional District, and the great state of Oregon.

TRIBUTE TO CLOYCE DICKERSON

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me today in congratulating Cloyce Dickerson as he receives the Walter Reuther Award from UAW Local 659. Cloyce will be honored at a reception on Sunday by the membership of the Local.

The Walter Reuther Award is given to UAW members, public officials and community leaders, in acknowledgement of their contributions to the advancement of working people and their families. 41 years ago Cloyce Dickerson began his career with General Motors Chevrolet Manufacturing Plant and started his lifelong commitment to improving conditions for his fellow workers.

He was employed with Chevrolet as a skilled tradesman and a Building Repairman.

He worked for the UAW in the capacities of Alternate Committeeman, UAW/CAP Council Member, Jobs Bank Coordinator, Attendance Coordinator, EAP Coordinator-International Appointment, Health and Safety Representative-International Appointment, Quality Network Representative-International Appointment, served on Person to Person Committee, the Joint Council, and was chair of the UAW Black Caucus.

In addition he also was a founding member of the North End "GOTV" Headquarters, a member of Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, former Vice-President and life member of the NAACP-Flint Branch, a board member of Big Brother/Big Sisters, works with Boys and Girls Club, and the Democratic Black Caucus. As the father of six and the grandfather of nine, Cloyce understands the importance of instilling community values in our youth and was recently honored by the Flint Human Relations Commission with the Service to Youth Award.

Cloyce was inducted into the Afro-American Hall of Fame in 1998. In 2005 the Bruin Club of Flint gave him the Athletic Alumni Award because of his athletic prowess during his high school and college years. Cloyce was an All Conference and All State honoree basketball player during his years attending Central High School. Attending Mott Community College, Cloyce was on the school's 1964 Regional Championship Basketball team.

Mr. Speaker, may the members of the House of Representatives join me in honoring a remarkable, committed, compassionate man, Cloyce Dickerson, and he is recognized for his lifelong contributions to the UAW and its members.

GIRL SCOUTS OF NASSAU COUNTY
FOCUS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF
GOOD SELF IMAGE FOR GIRLS

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the Girl Scouts of Nassau County for their work to promote health and self-esteem, to build courage, confidence and character in girls and young women.

The Girl Scouts provide an extremely important service, always working to find new ways to address the key issues facing girls and young women. Recently, the Girl Scout Research Institute released a study which concluded that feeling acceptance and emotional health are critical toward achieving healthy habits. The study was quite timely, released just before National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, which is February 27 through March 3. The study brings everyday girls' voices to the forefront of discussions on health and self esteem issues.

The Girl Scouts of Nassau County offer a range of healthy living activities that address the girl as a whole rather than just the food she eats, her weight and her exercise habits. Dove, the beauty brand, made that point by running a Superbowl commercial. The commercial aimed to widen the definition of beauty and inspire healthy, positive self-images among women. The talents of the Girl Scouts of Nassau County Chorus were recruited, and